

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for providing at least one search result responsive to receiving a search
 2 query comprising at least one search query term, the method comprising the acts of:
 3 receiving the search query;
 4 transmitting a text representation of each of the qualifying records for display to a
 5 user; and
 6 transmitting a representation of an object in relation with the text representation of
 7 each qualifying record that includes an object comprising at least one
 8 predetermined attribute for display to the user.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein each object comprises an image.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein each record comprises a Web page.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein each object is displayed next to the text
 2 representation of the record to which it corresponds.

1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein each object is displayed directly below the text
 2 representation of the record to which it corresponds.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein each object comprises a sound file.

1 7. A method for indexing records in an index of an information network, comprising
 2 the acts of:

3 receiving a record;
 4 searching the record for an indication that an object comprising at least one specified
 5 attribute is to be displayed with the record;
 6 finding the indication;
 7 creating a representation of the object;
 8 storing the representation in association with the record to which it corresponds; and
 9 making an entry for the record in the index, said entry indicating the object to be
 10 displayed with the record.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein each object comprises an image.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein each record comprises a Web page.

10. The method of claim 7 wherein each object is displayed next to the text representation of the record to which it corresponds.

11. The method of claim 7 wherein each object is displayed immediately below the text representation of the record to which it corresponds.

12. A system for providing at least one search result responsive to receiving a search query comprising at least one search query term, the system comprising:

a query module for receiving the search query;

a search module for locating at least one qualifying record containing at least one search query term; and

a search result generator for transmitting a representation of an object in relation with the text representation of each qualifying record that includes the object comprising at least one predetermined attribute for display to the user.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein each object comprises an image.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein each record comprises a Web page.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein each object is displayed next to the text representation of the record to which it corresponds.

16. The system of claim 12 wherein each object is displayed immediately below the text representation of the record to which it corresponds.

17. The system of claim 12 wherein each object comprises a hyperlink to a sound file.

1 18. A system for indexing records in an index of an information network, comprising
 2 the acts of
 3 a Web browser for receiving a record;
 4 an indexing module for searching the record for a link to an object comprising at least
 5 one specified attribute;
 6 a subsystem for finding an object comprising the specified attribute;
 7 a subsystem for creating a representation of the object;
 8 a subsystem storing the representation in association with the record to which it
 9 corresponds; and
 10 a subsystem making an entry for the record in the index, said entry indicating the link
 11 to the object in the record.

1 19. The system of claim 18 wherein each object comprises an image.

1 20. The system of claim 18 wherein each record comprises a Web page.

1 21. The system of claim 18 wherein each object is displayed next to the text
 2 representation of the record to which it corresponds.

1 22. The system of claim 18 wherein each object is displayed immediately below the
 2 text representation of the record to which it corresponds.